

{5:62} And all the people sounded trumpets, and shouted with a loud voice, singing songs of thanksgiving unto the Lord for the rearing up of the house of the Lord.

{5:63} Also of the priests and Levites, and of the chief of their families, the ancients who had seen the former house came to the building of this with weeping and great crying.

{5:64} But many with trumpets and joy shouted with loud voice,

{5:65} Insomuch that the trumpets might not be heard for the weeping of the people: yet the multitude sounded marvellously, so that it was heard afar off.

{5:66} Wherefore when the enemies of the tribe of Judah and Benjamin heard it, they came to know what that noise of trumpets should mean.

{5:67} And they perceived that they that were of the captivity did build the temple unto the Lord God of Israel.

{5:68} So they went to Zorobabel and Jesus, and to the chief of the families, and said unto them, We will build together with you.

{5:69} For we likewise, as ye, do obey your Lord, and do sacrifice unto him from the days of Azbarezeth the king of the Assyrians, who brought us hither.

{5:70} Then Zorobabel and Jesus and the chief of the families of Israel said unto them, It is not for us and you to build together an house unto the Lord our God.

{5:71} We ourselves alone will build unto the Lord of Israel, according as Cyrus the king of the Persians hath commanded us.

{5:72} But the heathen of the land lying heavy upon the inhabitants of Judea, and holding them strait, hindered their building;

{5:73} And by their secret plots, and popular persuasions and commotions, they hindered the finishing of the building all the time that king Cyrus lived: so they were hindered from building for the space of two years, until the reign of Darius.

{6:1} Now in the second year of the reign of Darius Aggeus and Zacharias the son of Addo, the prophets, prophesied unto the Jews in Jewry and Jerusalem in the name of the Lord God of Israel, which was upon them.

{6:2} Then stood up Zorobabel the son of Salatiel, and Jesus the son of Josedec, and began to build the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, the prophets of the Lord being with them, and helping them.

{6:3} At the same time came unto them Sisinnes the governor of Syria and Phenice, with Sathrabuzanes and his companions, and said unto them,

{6:4} By whose appointment do ye build this house and this roof, and perform all the other things? and who are the workmen that perform these things?

{6:5} Nevertheless the elders of the Jews obtained favour, because the Lord had visited the captivity;

{6:6} And they were not hindered from building, until such time as signification was given unto Darius concerning them, and an answer received.

{6:7} The copy of the letters which Sisinnes, governor of Syria and Phenice, and Sathrabuzanes, with their companions, rulers in Syria and Phenice, wrote and sent unto Darius; To king Darius, greeting:

{6:8} Let all things be known unto our lord the king, that being come into the country of Judea, and entered into the city of Jerusalem we found in the city of Jerusalem the ancients of the Jews that were of the captivity

{6:9} Building an house unto the Lord, great and new, of hewn and costly stones, and the timber already laid upon the walls.

{6:10} And those works are done with great speed, and the work goeth on prosperously in their hands, and with all glory and diligence is it made.

{6:11} Then asked we these elders, saying, By whose commandment build ye this house, and lay the foundations of these works?

{6:12} Therefore to the intent that we might give knowledge unto thee by writing, we demanded of them who were the chief doers, and we required of them the names in writing of their principal men.

{6:13} So they gave us this answer, We are the servants of the Lord which made heaven and earth.

{6:14} And as for this house, it was builded many years ago by a king of Israel great and strong, and was finished.

{6:15} But when our fathers provoked God unto wrath, and sinned against the Lord of Israel which is in heaven, he gave them over into the power of Nabuchodonosor king of Babylon, of the Chaldees;

{6:16} Who pulled down the house, and burned it, and carried away the people captives unto Babylon.

{6:17} But in the first year that king Cyrus reigned over the country of Babylon Cyrus the king wrote to build up this house.

{6:18} And the holy vessels of gold and of silver, that Nabuchodonosor had carried away out of the house at Jerusalem, and had set them in his own temple those Cyrus the king brought forth again out of the temple at Babylon, and they were delivered to Zorobabel and to Sanabassar the ruler,

{6:19} With commandment that he should carry away the same vessels, and put them in the temple at Jerusalem; and that the temple of the Lord should be built in his place.

{6:20} Then the same Sanabassar, being come hither, laid the foundations of the house of the Lord at Jerusalem; and from that time to this being still a building, it is not yet fully ended.

{6:21} Now therefore, if it seem good unto the king, let search be made among the records of king Cyrus:

{6:22} And if it be found that the building of the house of

the Lord at Jerusalem hath been done with the consent of king Cyrus, and if our lord the king be so minded, let him signify unto us thereof.

{6:23} Then commanded king Darius to seek among the records at Babylon: and so at Ecbatane the palace, which is in the country of Media, there was found a roll wherein these things were recorded.

{6:24} In the first year of the reign of Cyrus king Cyrus commanded that the house of the Lord at Jerusalem should be built again, where they do sacrifice with continual fire:

{6:25} Whose height shall be sixty cubits and the breadth sixty cubits, with three rows of hewn stones, and one row of new wood of that country; and the expences thereof to be given out of the house of king Cyrus:

{6:26} And that the holy vessels of the house of the Lord, both of gold and silver, that Nabuchodonosor took out of the house at Jerusalem, and brought to Babylon, should be restored to the house at Jerusalem, and be set in the place where they were before.

{6:27} And also he commanded that Sisinnus the governor of Syria and Phenice, and Sathrabuzanes, and their companions, and those which were appointed rulers in Syria and Phenice, should be careful not to meddle with the place, but suffer Zorobabel, the servant of the Lord, and governor of Judea, and the elders of the Jews, to build the house of the Lord in that place.

{6:28} I have commanded also to have it built up whole again; and that they look diligently to help those that be of the captivity of the Jews, till the house of the Lord be finished:

{6:29} And out of the tribute of Celosyria and Phenice a portion carefully to be given these men for the sacrifices of the Lord, that is, to Zorobabel the governor, for bullocks, and rams, and lambs;

{6:30} And also corn, salt, wine, and oil, and that continually every year without further question, according as the priests that be in Jerusalem shall signify to be daily spent:

{6:31} That offerings may be made to the most high God for the king and for his children, and that they may pray for their lives.

{6:32} And he commanded that whosoever should transgress, yea, or make light of any thing afore spoken or written, out of his own house should a tree be taken, and he thereon be hanged, and all his goods seized for the king.

{6:33} The Lord therefore, whose name is there called upon, utterly destroy every king and nation, that stretcheth out his hand to hinder or endamage that house of the Lord in Jerusalem.

{6:34} I Darius the king have ordained that according unto these things it be done with diligence.

{7:1} Then Sisinnus the governor of Celosyria and Phenice, and Sathrabuzanes, with their companions following the commandments of king Darius,

{7:2} Did very carefully oversee the holy works, assisting

the ancients of the Jews and governors of the temple.

{7:3} And so the holy works prospered, when Aggeus and Zacharias the prophets prophesied.

{7:4} And they finished these things by the commandment of the Lord God of Israel, and with the consent of Cyrus, Darius, and Artaxerxes, kings of Persia.

{7:5} And thus was the holy house finished in the three and twentieth day of the month Adar, in the sixth year of Darius king of the Persians

{7:6} And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and others that were of the captivity, that were added unto them, did according to the things written in the book of Moses.

{7:7} And to the dedication of the temple of the Lord they offered an hundred bullocks two hundred rams, four hundred lambs;

{7:8} And twelve goats for the sin of all Israel, according to the number of the chief of the tribes of Israel.

{7:9} The priests also and the Levites stood arrayed in their vestments, according to their kindreds, in the service of the Lord God of Israel, according to the book of Moses: and the porters at every gate.

{7:10} And the children of Israel that were of the captivity held the passover the fourteenth day of the first month, after that the priests and the Levites were sanctified.

{7:11} They that were of the captivity were not all sanctified together: but the Levites were all sanctified together.

{7:12} And so they offered the passover for all them of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.

{7:13} And the children of Israel that came out of the captivity did eat, even all they that had separated themselves from the abominations of the people of the land, and sought the Lord.

{7:14} And they kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days, making merry before the Lord,

{7:15} For that he had turned the counsel of the king of Assyria toward them, to strengthen their hands in the works of the Lord God of Israel.

{8:1} And after these things, when Artaxerxes the king of the Persians reigned came Esdras the son of Saraïas, the son of Ezerias, the son of Helchiah, the son of Salum,

{8:2} The son of Sadduc, the son of Achitob, the son of Amarias, the son of Ezias, the son of Meremoth, the son of Zarahias, the son of Savias, the son of Boccas, the son of Abisum, the son of Phinees, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest.

{8:3} This Esdras went up from Babylon, as a scribe, being very ready in the law of Moses, that was given by the God of Israel.

{8:4} And the king did him honour: for he found grace in

his sight in all his requests.

{8:5} There went up with him also certain of the children of Israel, of the priest of the Levites, of the holy singers, porters, and ministers of the temple, unto Jerusalem,

{8:6} In the seventh year of the reign of Artaxerxes, in the fifth month, this was the king's seventh year; for they went from Babylon in the first day of the first month, and came to Jerusalem, according to the prosperous journey which the Lord gave them.

{8:7} For Esdras had very great skill, so that he omitted nothing of the law and commandments of the Lord, but taught all Israel the ordinances and judgments.

{8:8} Now the copy of the commission, which was written from Artaxerxes the king, and came to Esdras the priest and reader of the law of the Lord, is this that followeth;

{8:9} King Artaxerxes unto Esdras the priest and reader of the law of the Lord sendeth greeting:

{8:10} Having determined to deal graciously, I have given order, that such of the nation of the Jews, and of the priests and Levites being within our realm, as are willing and desirous should go with thee unto Jerusalem.

{8:11} As many therefore as have a mind thereunto, let them depart with thee, as it hath seemed good both to me and my seven friends the counsellors;

{8:12} That they may look unto the affairs of Judea and Jerusalem, agreeably to that which is in the law of the Lord;

{8:13} And carry the gifts unto the Lord of Israel to Jerusalem, which I and my friends have vowed, and all the gold and silver that in the country of Babylon can be found, to the Lord in Jerusalem,

{8:14} With that also which is given of the people for the temple of the Lord their God at Jerusalem: and that silver and gold may be collected for bullocks, rams, and lambs, and things thereunto appertaining;

{8:15} To the end that they may offer sacrifices unto the Lord upon the altar of the Lord their God, which is in Jerusalem.

{8:16} And whatsoever thou and thy brethren will do with the silver and gold, that do, according to the will of thy God.

{8:17} And the holy vessels of the Lord, which are given thee for the use of the temple of thy God, which is in Jerusalem, thou shalt set before thy God in Jerusalem.

{8:18} And whatsoever thing else thou shalt remember for the use of the temple of thy God, thou shalt give it out of the king's treasury.

{8:19} And I king Artaxerxes have also commanded the keepers of the treasures in Syria and Phenice, that whatsoever Esdras the priest and the reader of the law of the most high God shall send for, they should give it him with speed,

{8:20} To the sum of an hundred talents of silver, likewise also of wheat even to an hundred cors, and an

hundred pieces of wine, and other things in abundance.

{8:21} Let all things be performed after the law of God diligently unto the most high God, that wrath come not upon the kingdom of the king and his sons.

{8:22} I command you also, that ye require no tax, nor any other imposition, of any of the priests, or Levites, or holy singers, or porters, or ministers of the temple, or of any that have doings in this temple, and that no man have authority to impose any thing upon them.

{8:23} And thou, Esdras, according to the wisdom of God ordain judges and justices, that they may judge in all Syria and Phenice all those that know the law of thy God; and those that know it not thou shalt teach.

{8:24} And whosoever shall transgress the law of thy God, and of the king, shall be punished diligently, whether it be by death, or other punishment, by penalty of money, or by imprisonment.

{8:25} Then said Esdras the scribe, Blessed be the only Lord God of my fathers, who hath put these things into the heart of the king, to glorify his house that is in Jerusalem:

{8:26} And hath honoured me in the sight of the king, and his counsellors, and all his friends and nobles.

{8:27} Therefore was I encouraged by the help of the Lord my God, and gathered together men of Israel to go up with me.

{8:28} And these are the chief according to their families and several dignities, that went up with me from Babylon in the reign of king Artaxerxes:

{8:29} Of the sons of Phinees, Gerson: of the sons of Ithamar, Gamael: of the sons of David, Lettus the son of Sechenias:

{8:30} Of the sons of Pharez, Zacharias; and with him were counted an hundred and fifty men:

{8:31} Of the sons of Pahath Moab, Eliaonias, the son of Zariaas, and with him two hundred men:

{8:32} Of the sons of Zathoe, Sechenias the son of Jezelus, and with him three hundred men: of the sons of Adin, Obeth the son of Jonathan, and with him two hundred and fifty men:

{8:33} Of the sons of Elam, Josias son of Gotholias, and with him seventy men:

{8:34} Of the sons of Saphatias, Zariaas son of Michael, and with him threescore and ten men:

{8:35} Of the sons of Joab, Abadias son of Jezelus, and with him two hundred and twelve men:

{8:36} Of the sons of Banid, Assalimoth son of Josaphias, and with him an hundred and threescore men:

{8:37} Of the sons of Babi, Zacharias son of Bebai, and with him twenty and eight men:

{8:38} Of the sons of Astath, Johannes son of Acatan, and with him an hundred and ten men:

{8:39} Of the sons of Adonikam the last, and these are the names of them, Eliphalet, Jewel, and Samaias, and with them seventy men:

{8:40} Of the sons of Bago, Uthi the son of Istalcurus, and with him seventy men.

{8:41} And these I gathered together to the river called Theras, where we pitched our tents three days: and then I surveyed them.

{8:42} But when I had found there none of the priests and Levites,

{8:43} Then sent I unto Eleazar, and Iduel, and Masman,

{8:44} And Alnathan, and Mamaias, and Joribas, and Nathan, Eunatan, Zacharias, and Mosollamon, principal men and learned.

{8:45} And I bade them that they should go unto Saddeus the captain, who was in the place of the treasury:

{8:46} And commanded them that they should speak unto Daddeus, and to his brethren, and to the treasurers in that place, to send us such men as might execute the priests' office in the house of the Lord.

{8:47} And by the mighty hand of our Lord they brought unto us skilful men of the sons of Moli the son of Levi, the son of Israel, Asebebia, and his sons, and his brethren, who were eighteen.

{8:48} And Asebia, and Annus, and Osaïas his brother, of the sons of Channuneus, and their sons, were twenty men.

{8:49} And of the servants of the temple whom David had ordained, and the principal men for the service of the Levites to wit, the servants of the temple two hundred and twenty, the catalogue of whose names were shewed.

{8:50} And there I vowed a fast unto the young men before our Lord, to desire of him a prosperous journey both for us and them that were with us, for our children, and for the cattle:

{8:51} For I was ashamed to ask the king footmen, and horsemen, and conduct for safeguard against our adversaries.

{8:52} For we had said unto the king, that the power of the Lord our God should be with them that seek him, to support them in all ways.

{8:53} And again we besought our Lord as touching these things, and found him favourable unto us.

{8:54} Then I separated twelve of the chief of the priests, Esebrias, and Assanias, and ten men of their brethren with them:

{8:55} And I weighed them the gold, and the silver, and the holy vessels of the house of our Lord, which the king, and his council, and the princes, and all Israel, had given.

{8:56} And when I had weighed it, I delivered unto them six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels of an hundred talents, and an hundred talents of gold,

{8:57} And twenty golden vessels, and twelve vessels of

brass, even of fine brass, glittering like gold.

{8:58} And I said unto them, Both ye are holy unto the Lord, and the vessels are holy, and the gold and the silver is a vow unto the Lord, the Lord of our fathers.

{8:59} Watch ye, and keep them till ye deliver them to the chief of the priests and Levites, and to the principal men of the families of Israel, in Jerusalem, into the chambers of the house of our God.

{8:60} So the priests and the Levites, who had received the silver and the gold and the vessels, brought them unto Jerusalem, into the temple of the Lord.

{8:61} And from the river Theras we departed the twelfth day of the first month, and came to Jerusalem by the mighty hand of our Lord, which was with us: and from the beginning of our journey the Lord delivered us from every enemy, and so we came to Jerusalem.

{8:62} And when we had been there three days, the gold and silver that was weighed was delivered in the house of our Lord on the fourth day unto Marmoth the priest the son of Iri.

{8:63} And with him was Eleazar the son of Phinees, and with them were Josabad the son of Jesu and Moeth the son of Sabban, Levites: all was delivered them by number and weight.

{8:64} And all the weight of them was written up the same hour.

{8:65} Moreover they that were come out of the captivity offered sacrifice unto the Lord God of Israel, even twelve bullocks for all Israel, fourscore and sixteen rams,

{8:66} Threescore and twelve lambs, goats for a peace offering, twelve; all of them a sacrifice to the Lord.

{8:67} And they delivered the king's commandments unto the king's stewards' and to the governors of Celosyria and Phenice; and they honoured the people and the temple of God.

{8:68} Now when these things were done, the rulers came unto me, and said,

{8:69} The nation of Israel, the princes, the priests and Levites, have not put away from them the strange people of the land, nor the pollutions of the Gentiles to wit, of the Canaanites, Hittites, Pheresites, Jebusites, and the Moabites, Egyptians, and Edomites.

{8:70} For both they and their sons have married with their daughters, and the holy seed is mixed with the strange people of the land; and from the beginning of this matter the rulers and the great men have been partakers of this iniquity.

{8:71} And as soon as I had heard these things, I rent my clothes, and the holy garment, and pulled off the hair from off my head and beard, and sat me down sad and very heavy.

{8:72} So all they that were then moved at the word of the Lord God of Israel assembled unto me, whilst I mourned for the iniquity: but I sat still full of heaviness until the evening sacrifice.

{8:73} Then rising up from the fast with my clothes and the holy garment rent, and bowing my knees, and stretching forth my hands unto the Lord,

{8:74} I said, O Lord, I am confounded and ashamed before thy face;

{8:75} For our sins are multiplied above our heads, and our ignorances have reached up unto heaven.

{8:76} For ever since the time of our fathers we have been and are in great sin, even unto this day.

{8:77} And for our sins and our fathers' we with our brethren and our kings and our priests were given up unto the kings of the earth, to the sword, and to captivity, and for a prey with shame, unto this day.

{8:78} And now in some measure hath mercy been shewed unto us from thee, O Lord, that there should be left us a root and a name in the place of thy sanctuary;

{8:79} And to discover unto us a light in the house of the Lord our God, and to give us food in the time of our servitude.

{8:80} Yea, when we were in bondage, we were not forsaken of our Lord; but he made us gracious before the kings of Persia, so that they gave us food;

{8:81} Yea, and honoured the temple of our Lord, and raised up the desolate Sion, that they have given us a sure abiding in Jewry and Jerusalem.

{8:82} And now, O Lord, what shall we say, having these things? for we have transgressed thy commandments, which thou gavest by the hand of thy servants the prophets, saying,

{8:83} That the land, which ye enter into to possess as an heritage, is a land polluted with the pollutions of the strangers of the land, and they have filled it with their uncleanness.

{8:84} Therefore now shall ye not join your daughters unto their sons, neither shall ye take their daughters unto your sons.

{8:85} Moreover ye shall never seek to have peace with them, that ye may be strong, and eat the good things of the land, and that ye may leave the inheritance of the land unto your children for evermore.

{8:86} And all that is befallen is done unto us for our wicked works and great sins; for thou, O Lord, didst make our sins light,

{8:87} And didst give unto us such a root: but we have turned back again to transgress thy law, and to mingle ourselves with the uncleanness of the nations of the land.

{8:88} Mightest not thou be angry with us to destroy us, till thou hadst left us neither root, seed, nor name?

{8:89} O Lord of Israel, thou art true: for we are left a root this day.

{8:90} Behold, now are we before thee in our iniquities, for we cannot stand any longer by reason of these things before thee.

{8:91} And as Esdras in his prayer made his confession, weeping, and lying flat upon the ground before the temple, there gathered unto him from Jerusalem a very great multitude of men and women and children: for there was great weeping among the multitude.

{8:92} Then Jechonias the son of Jeelus, one of the sons of Israel, called out, and said, O Esdras, we have sinned against the Lord God, we have married strange women of the nations of the land, and now is all Israel aloft.

{8:93} Let us make an oath to the Lord, that we will put away all our wives, which we have taken of the heathen, with their children,

{8:94} Like as thou hast decreed, and as many as do obey the law of the Lord.

{8:95} Arise and put in execution: for to thee doth this matter appertain, and we will be with thee: do valiantly.

{8:96} So Esdras arose, and took an oath of the chief of the priests and Levites of all Israel to do after these things; and so they sware.

{9:1} Then Esdras rising from the court of the temple went to the chamber of Joanan the son of Eliasib,

{9:2} And remained there, and did eat no meat nor drink water, mourning for the great iniquities of the multitude.

{9:3} And there was a proclamation in all Jewry and Jerusalem to all them that were of the captivity, that they should be gathered together at Jerusalem:

{9:4} And that whosoever met not there within two or three days according as the elders that bare rule appointed, their cattle should be seized to the use of the temple, and himself cast out from them that were of the captivity.

{9:5} And in three days were all they of the tribe of Judah and Benjamin gathered together at Jerusalem the twentieth day of the ninth month.

{9:6} And all the multitude sat trembling in the broad court of the temple because of the present foul weather.

{9:7} So Esdras arose up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed the law in marrying strange wives, thereby to increase the sins of Israel.

{9:8} And now by confessing give glory unto the Lord God of our fathers,

{9:9} And do his will, and separate yourselves from the heathen of the land, and from the strange women.

{9:10} Then cried the whole multitude, and said with a loud voice, Like as thou hast spoken, so will we do.

{9:11} But forasmuch as the people are many, and it is foul weather, so that we cannot stand without, and this is not a work of a day or two, seeing our sin in these things is spread far:

{9:12} Therefore let the rulers of the multitude stay, and let all them of our habitations that have strange wives come at the time appointed,

{9:13} And with them the rulers and judges of every place, till we turn away the wrath of the Lord from us for this matter.

{9:14} Then Jonathan the son of Azael and Ezechias the son of Theocanus accordingly took this matter upon them: and Mosollam and Levis and Sabbatheus helped them.

{9:15} And they that were of the captivity did according to all these things.

{9:16} And Esdras the priest chose unto him the principal men of their families, all by name: and in the first day of the tenth month they sat together to examine the matter.

{9:17} So their cause that held strange wives was brought to an end in the first day of the first month.

{9:18} And of the priests that were come together, and had strange wives, there were found:

{9:19} Of the sons of Jesus the son of Josedec, and his brethren; Mattheas and Eleazar, and Joribus and Joadanus.

{9:20} And they gave their hands to put away their wives and to offer rams to make reconcilement for their errors.

{9:21} And of the sons of Emmer; Ananias, and Zabdeus, and Eanes, and Sameius, and Hiereel, and Azarias.

{9:22} And of the sons of Phaisur; Elionas, Massias Israel, and Nathanael, and Ocidelus and Talsas.

{9:23} And of the Levites; Jozabad, and Semis, and Colius, who was called Calitas, and Patheus, and Judas, and Jonas.

{9:24} Of the holy singers; Eleazurus, Bacchurus.

{9:25} Of the porters; Sallumus, and Tolbanes.

{9:26} Of them of Israel, of the sons of Phoros; Hiermas, and Eddias, and Melchias, and Maelus, and Eleazar, and Asibias, and Baanias.

{9:27} Of the sons of Ela; Matthanias, Zacharias, and Hierielus, and Hieremoth, and Aedias.

{9:28} And of the sons of Zamoth; Eliadas, Elisimus, Othonias, Jarimoth, and Sabatus, and Sardeus.

{9:29} Of the sons of Babai; Johannes, and Ananias and Josabad, and Amatheis.

{9:30} Of the sons of Mani; Olamus, Mamuchus, Jedeus, Jasubus, Jasael, and Hieremoth.

{9:31} And of the sons of Addi; Naathus, and Moosias, Lacunus, and Naidus, and Mathanias, and Sesthel, Balnuus, and Manasseas.

{9:32} And of the sons of Annas; Elionas and Aseas, and Melchias, and Sabbeus, and Simon Chosameus.

{9:33} And of the sons of Asom; Altaneus, and Matthias, and Baanaia, Eliphalet, and Manasses, and Semei.

{9:34} And of the sons of Maani; Jeremias, Momdis, Omaerus, Juel, Mabdai, and Pelias, and Anos, Carabasion,

and Enasibus, and Mamnitanaimus, Eliasius, Bannus, Eliali, Samis, Selemias, Nathanias: and of the sons of Ozora; Sesis, Esril, Azaelus, Samatus, Zambis, Josephus.

{9:35} And of the sons of Ethma; Mazitias, Zabadaias, Edes, Juel, Banaias.

{9:36} All these had taken strange wives, and they put them away with their children.

{9:37} And the priests and Levites, and they that were of Israel, dwelt in Jerusalem, and in the country, in the first day of the seventh month: so the children of Israel were in their habitations.

{9:38} And the whole multitude came together with one accord into the broad place of the holy porch toward the east:

{9:39} And they spake unto Esdras the priest and reader, that he would bring the law of Moses, that was given of the Lord God of Israel.

{9:40} So Esdras the chief priest brought the law unto the whole multitude from man to woman, and to all the priests, to hear law in the first day of the seventh month.

{9:41} And he read in the broad court before the holy porch from morning unto midday, before both men and women; and the multitude gave heed unto the law.

{9:42} And Esdras the priest and reader of the law stood up upon a pulpit of wood, which was made for that purpose.

{9:43} And there stood up by him Mattathias, Sammus, Ananias, Azarias, Urias, Ezecias, Balasamus, upon the right hand:

{9:44} And upon his left hand stood Phaldaius, Misael, Melchias, Lothasubus, and Nabarias.

{9:45} Then took Esdras the book of the law before the multitude: for he sat honourably in the first place in the sight of them all.

{9:46} And when he opened the law, they stood all straight up. So Esdras blessed the Lord God most High, the God of hosts, Almighty.

{9:47} And all the people answered, Amen; and lifting up their hands they fell to the ground, and worshipped the Lord.

{9:48} Also Jesus, Anus, Sarabias, Adinus, Jacobus, Sabateas, Auteas, Maianeas, and Calitas, Asrias, and Joazabdu, and Ananias, Biatas, the Levites, taught the law of the Lord, making them withal to understand it.

{9:49} Then spake Attharates unto Esdras the chief priest, and reader, and to the Levites that taught the multitude, even to all, saying,

{9:50} This day is holy unto the Lord; (for they all wept when they heard the law:)

{9:51} Go then, and eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send part to them that have nothing;

{9:52} For this day is holy unto the Lord: and be not sorrowful; for the Lord will bring you to honour.